



Fine Feathers September 2016

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION.

Message from the President

Summer is almost over so start dusting off your carving equipment, our first Club meeting is Tuesday at 6:00 pm, October 4. We will have some club business to cover then everyone will get to together with their instructor go over the plans for the carving projects. Information on the Tuesday evening classes available is posted within this newsletter for your consideration.

The Images of Nature Show Committee did a great job organizing and setting up for our Images of Nature Show in May. Thank you too to all the volunteers who worked so hard to set up and dismantle the show and garage sale and sell raffle tickets. There were great deals found at the Garage Sale and raffle tickets did extremely well this year, which benefited the club greatly. There were a good number of entries with some terrific carvings and it is always exciting to see what other carvers are doing. It was great to see entries from other parts of Alberta as well as carvers from out of province. Thank You to Glenn and Jeannine for hosting the BBQ, and to Bob Steele for his awesome job as Head BBQ'er once again! The steaks and side dishes were awesome!

Ladies Day at Cabela's was a success this year, especially with all the volunteer help. It was great to see new carvers coming out to volunteer. When talking and encouraging people to consider joining our club, novice carvers can explain things and encourage new carvers to take a chance and join us. A huge Thank you to Cabela's for the ongoing support they provide to our Club.

At our last Annual meeting, Cheryl Hepperle was voted in as the Community Relations Director. Cheryl does a great job of talking to people, explains about our Club and encouraging people to join.

Dennis Dressler was here in August at Boag Lake for Carving in the Park where people had the opportunity to carve a manta ray and 2 or 3 black tipped sharks in their habitat. It was an exciting and wonderful 5 days. Thank you to Glenn for hosting the event at his Boag Lake studio and Jeannine for preparing lunches plus putting up with the carvers for 5 days. Club members should keep these extra carving opportunities in mind. It is a real chance to learn new carving techniques and improve your carving skills. Another bonus is meeting other carvers from other areas.

A special thank you to the members who are volunteering at Cabela's for the 2 week-ends in August. You spread great words about our Club as well as the opportunity to sell raffle tickets. Volunteers make such a big difference to our Club and we appreciate everything you do. Enjoy the rest of your summer. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again and possibly some new members in October.

Images of Nature Show 2016

This year's Annual Images of Nature Show was held at the **Sherwood Park Community League** from April 29 to May 1, 2016. Congratulations to the winning carvers! The following Awards from the competitions are as follows:

Best of Show: Event 1

<u>Level</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Carver</u>	<u>Entry</u>
<u>Novice</u>	1 st Place	Rick Zuchetto	Downy Woodpecker
	2 nd Place	Diane Sharkey	Red Head Hen
	3 rd Place	Daren Bretz	Bluejay
	HM	Diane Sharkey	Shoveler Drake
	HM	Diane Sharkey	Cedar Waxwing
<u>Intermediate</u>	1 st Place	Clarence Bereska	Red Head Hen
	2 nd Place	Clarence Bereska	Ruby-throated Hummingbird
	3 rd Place	Wayne Myers	Yellow Bellied Sapsucker
	HM	Steve Ewashko	Osprey
<u>Open</u>	1 st Place	Darrel Wilson	Short Eared Owl
	2 nd Place	Bob Steele	Red Head Hen
	3 rd Place	Austin Eade	Baltimore Oriole

Best of Show: Event 2

<u>Novice</u>	1 st Place	Cathy Hostyn	Plains Buffalo
	2 nd Place	Judy Raftery	Plains Buffalo
	3 rd Place	Gordon Greig	Plains Buffalo
<u>Intermediate</u>	1 st Place	Steve Ewashko	Dolphins
	2 nd Place	Diane Craven	Hawksbill Turtle
<u>Open</u>	1 st Place	Brenda Mitchell	Plains Buffalo
	2 nd Place	Glenn Maber	Dolphins
	3 rd Place	Brenda Mitchell	Plains Buffalo

Ken Klipper Award

1 st Place	Garry Rector	Red Head Drake
2 nd Place	Bob Steele	Ruddy Turnstone
3 rd Place	Garry Rector	Bufflehead Hen

Purchase Awards

Decorative Songbird or Raptor (\$1,000)	Brenda Mitchell	Chickadee
Land or Sea Mammal (\$750)	Werner Groesch	Bear with Fish
North American Shore Bird (\$500)	Bob Steele	Ruddy Turnstone

AWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2015-2016-2017 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT: Kathleen Norton	PAST VICE PRESIDENT: Bob Steele
VICE PRESIDENT: Keith Middleton	SECRETARY: Sandy Stevenson
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DIRECTOR: Cheryl Hepperle	DIRECTOR: Clarence Bereska
DIRECTOR: Wayne Olsen	

2015-2016-2017 COMMITTEES/MEMBERS

INSTRUCTION:	Glenn Maber
NEWSLETTER & MEMBERSHIP:	Sandy Stevenson
LIBRARY AND EQUIPMENT:	Clarence Bereska, John Stevenson
XMAS PARTY AND XMAS PROGRAM:	Shirley Stewart, Sandy Stevenson, Kathleen Norton
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COFFEE:	Vacant
WEBSITE:	Don Delaney
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE:	Bob Steele, Keith Middleton, Glenn Maber
FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Russ Mann
AUDIT COMMITTEE:	Sandy Stevenson, Brenda Mitchell
PR AND ADVERTISING:	Russ Mann, Cheryl Hepperle
CARVING IN THE PARK:	Glenn Maber, Bob Steele

2016 IMAGES OF NATURE COMMITTEE/MEMBERS

COMPETITION CHAIRPERSON:	Brenda Mitchell
COMPETITION AND SHOW:	Glenn Maber, Clarence Bereska, Jim MacLachlan
CARVING REGISTRATION:	Bob Steele, Rick St Arnaud, Will Simpson, Keith Middleton
JUDGES:	Brenda Mitchell
EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIP BOOTH:	Cheryl Hepperle
SUMMER BBQ's:	B. & C. Steele, G. & J. Maber, W. & W. Olsen
RAFFLE:	Ted Griffith
GARAGE SALE BOOTH:	Wayne Olsen, Barb Mikaluk, Steve Ewashko
RIBBONS & AWARDS:	Glenn Maber
SHOW RESULTS & PHOTOGRAPHY:	Bob Steele, Don Delaney
SHOW PR AND ADVERTISING:	Brenda Mitchell

AWCA Raffle for 2017

We will be handing out Raffle Ticket Books at the October 4, 2016 AWCA Meeting at Amiskwaciy Academy. Tickets sales will be 3 for \$5.00 again this year, with 3 great prizes to be drawn on May 7, 2017 at the Images of Nature Show. Prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: Chickadee – carved by Brenda Mitchell
- 2nd Prize: Bear with Fish – carved by Werner Groesch
- 3rd Prize: Ruddy Turnstone – carved by Bob Steele



Up-Coming Courses



BOAG LAKE WOOD CARVING STUDIO

FALL ADVANCED CARVING CLASS WITH JEAN MINAUDIER 6 DAY CLASS CARVING AND PAINTING A MINIATURE RAVEN EXPERIENCED CARVERS ONLY



Class Cost \$650.00. Optional Lunch Package \$50.00 TOTAL \$700.00

\$50.00 Deposit required upon registration

CANCELLATION FEE OF \$50.00 IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN 60 DAYS OF START DATE.

BALANCE DUE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO START:

COURSE DATE & TIME: OCT 25/2016 8:00 to 5:00 to OCT 30/2016 8:00 am to Noon

FLYING BARN SWALLOW COURSE

INSTRUCTOR: BOB LAVENDER



DATES: CARVING: FEB 10, 11 AND 12TH, 2017 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

YOU WILL HAVE 11 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE STONING AND BURNING ON YOU OWN

PAINTING: FEB 24, 25, AND 26TH. 8:30 AM TO 5:00 PM

COST: \$450.00

\$50.00 DEPOSIT WITH REGISTRATION BALANCE DUE FEB 10, 2017.

DEPOSIT AND FEES PAYABLE TO GLENN MABER

BOAG LAKE STUDIO (SHERWOOD PARK)

#295-52467-RRD 225

SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 4S1

CONTACT GLENN MABER TO SIGN UP 780-417-1462

EMAIL: gmaber@yahoo.com

CARVING IN THE PARK: AWCA's Annual Summer Carving School

Welcome to the Alberta Wildlife Carving Association's "Carving in the Park" Summer Carving School. "Carving in the Park" began in 2010 with the mandate of creating a summer program featuring the highest quality instructors available. The classes are designed to expand the AWCA member and instructors carving skills, abilities and understanding of three-dimensional wildlife art.

AWCA is of the belief that it is far more cost effective for its membership to bring instructors to Western Canada than for individual carvers to travel to carving schools in Canada and the United States given the cost of travel, food, accommodations and registration fees. In addition, AWCA tries to keep costs, especially to members, reasonable and has opted for 6 day courses rather than the usual 5-day format.

Classes are conducted in the Strathcona Arts Barn, A. J. Ottewell Community Centre 590 Broadmoor Boulevard Sherwood Park, Alberta with the number of classes limited to two or three. This results in a very casual cozy atmosphere with an emphasis on making the experience as pleasant as possible for participants. The coffee is always on with home-baked treats as well as wonderful home-made lunches prepared by our members and wives. "Carving in the Park" also hosts a Saturday evening BBQ to allow participants and their families to get to know each other a little better.

Course Sign Up

- Those AWCA members who attended a class during this years "Carving in the Park" will be given the first opportunity to sign up (Deposit Required) for the same instructor for 2017 (Deadline December 30, 2016)
- Space remaining, those AWCA members who participated in Carving in the Park this year who wish to transfer into another class offered in 2017 (Deposit Required) will be given an opportunity to switch instructors. (Deadline January 15, 2017)
- Space remaining, the general membership of AWCA will be given an opportunity too sign-up for classes offered in 2017 (Deposit Required) (Deadline January 30th, 2017)
- Space remaining, non-members of AWCA wishing to attend Carving in the Park 2017 will be able to sign up (Deposit Required) March 1, 2017 to July, 2017.

Course Payment

- A deposit is required to secure a spot in your class of choice as per the timelines noted above.
- Final Payment due May 11th, 2017.

Refund Policy

- Deposits are refundable up to 60 days prior to the start of classes.
- Final payments (minus initial deposit) are refundable up to 30 days prior to the start of classes.
- Exceptions:
 - Full refunds will be given to registrants withdrawing from courses if their initial spot is taken by another carver.

- Full or partial refunds will be given to registrants withdrawing from courses for medical or compassionate reasons. (decisions of the Carving in the Park planning committee are final).

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE "ALBERTA WILDLIFE CARVING ASSOCIATION "
TO SIGN UP PLEASE CONTACT GLENN MABER**

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SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 4S1

Phone: 780-417-1462 or 780-907-0454

CARVING IN THE PARK

PAT GODIN- 6 DAY CLASS

PAINTING AN AMERICAN WIGEON DRAKE

(Pat's new Scolding Wigeon Pattern)

JULY 11TH TO 16TH, 2017



\$790.00 (This price includes Tupelo cut-out, Eyes, CD and Photo Pack and Lunches for the six days.)

\$200.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED UPON REGISTERING (Once you have paid your deposit you will receive the cut-out, eyes, pattern, CD and Photo-pack)

FINAL PAYMENT DUE MAY 11, 2017.

AWCA Embroidered Clothing Line

The Alberta Wildlife Carving Association is pleased to offer our Embroidered Clothing Line to our members and friends. To place an order, please specify the Item Name, Style #, Colour, Size and Quantity Please Email the information to Wayne Olsen at lwolsen@shaw.ca. Orders can be placed between Aug 15 and Oct 15 for delivery in November. Members can also place their order through the AWCA Website or at the Tuesday Night Classes Up to Oct 15. Payment is due at time of order. See PDF included with this newsletter for descriptions of items available and order form.

Upcoming Courses for Carving Year 2016-2017
Tuesday Evenings at Amiskwaciy Academy commencing October 11, 2016

BEGINNING CARVERS – ¼ SIZE LOON COURSE

For the new carver we offer a beginning Loon Class that start at the beginning of October, this class is designed for the person who wishes to start carving and the basics are taught from tool selection, reading patterns, to carving the shape and finishing as well as introduction to painting, the project is designed to the new carver.

INSTRUCTOR: KATHLEEN NORTON 780-591-0403

Email klnorton@me.com

STARTS OCT 11, 2016 TO END OF MARCH 2017 FEE: \$350.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE EXTRA \$25.00. KITS INCLUDE CUTOUT, PATTERN AND EYES.



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A POWER GRINDER I.E. freedom or a dremel with a flex shaft, some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pr. of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.

MALE AMERICAN KESTREL

INSTRUCTOR: GLENN MABER 780-417-1462

Email gmaber@yahoo.com BLANKS, EYES AND HABITAT MATERIALS WILL BE SUPPLIED
COURSE STARTS OCT 11 TO END OF MARCH 2017 FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fees.



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER I.E.TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE. Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pr of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.

LIFE-SIZE ROSE BREASTED GROSBEAK

Instructor: Cheryl Hepperle 780-962-4582

email: Hepperle@telus.net. Blanks and eyes will be supplied. This is an intermediate course that will require some work at home to complete the habitat.

Course starts October 11, 2016

FEE: \$350.00 includes shop fees.



REQUIRED TOOLS: A Micro power carver or dremel style power carver with flexible shaft and a variety of bits and sanders are requested. Course bits, Sanding drums, fine bits and a variety of stones. Wood burning equipment with a variety of tips like, skew, straight, quill burner and bent skew is required. Additional supplies include metric calipers flexible ruler or straight edge, pencils and eraser. Painting supplies will be required and a complete list will be provided during the course. Dust mask and safety glasses are recommended.

PLAINS BUFFALO COW AND CALF

INSTRUCTOR: BRENDA MITCHELL 780-910-2615

BLANKS AND EYES WILL BE SUPPLIED

COURSE STARTS OCT 11, 2016 TO END OF MARCH 2017

FEE: \$350.00 includes class fees



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER (I.E.TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE A DREMEL WITH A FLEX SHAFT WITH BE OK) Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pr of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.

YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER

INSTRUCTOR: WAYNE MYERS 780-435-1773

BLANKS AND EYES WILL BE SUPPLIED

COURSE STARTS OCT 11 TO END OF MAR 2017 FEE: \$350.00 Includes class fee



REQUIRED TOOLS: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A MICRO MOTOR POWER GRINDER (I.E.TSP, NSK, FOREDOM OR SIMILAR MACHINE A DREMEL WITH A FLEX SHAFT WITH BE OK) Some coarse bits and some fine bits. A sharp carving knife, a pr. of calipers, a flexible ruler or straight edge, a mechanical pencil, an assortment of paint brushes #1,2,3. Dust masks and safety glasses are recommended.

GRAYLING FISH

Instructor: Brian Hepperle 780-962-4582

email: Hepperle@telus.net. Blanks and eyes will be supplied. This is an intermediate course that will require some work at home to complete the habitat.

Course starts Oct. 11

FEE: \$350.00 includes shop fees.



REQUIRED TOOLS: A Micro power carver or dremel style power carver with flexible shaft and a variety of bits and sanders are requested. Course bits, Sanding drums, fine bits and a variety of stones. Wood burning equipment with a variety of tips like, skew, straight, quill burner and bent skew is required. Additional supplies include metric calipers flexible ruler or straight edge, pencils and eraser. Painting supplies will be required and a complete list will be provided during the course. Dust mask and safety glasses are recommended.

AWCA Website

The AWCA's most up to date information on an ongoing basis can be found in our website. The website can be reached online under "Alberta Wildlife Carving Association" or directly at <http://albertawildlifecarving.squarespace.com/>.

AWCA Classified Ads

We encourage all AWCA members to visit Razertip's website for all your carving needs via: www.razertip.com.

Razertip Industries Inc. can be contacted toll-free by phone: 1-877-729-3787.

Notification from Barbara Janman: In the past year I have started a new adventure, thanks to the creative and artistic skills I gained while wood carving. I have transferred those skills to this new creation, Adult Colouring Books. I believe that carvers have friends or family who may be interested in my colouring books because they are about travel and sights in Canada. We would like to introduce "COLOURFUL TRAVELS" SIGHTS OF CANADA – ALBERTA. Check out the website at: www.colourfultravels.com.

AWCA Carving Calendar

2016:

SEPT 18-23: SHUSWAP CARVING SCHOOL

OCT 4: FINAL SIGN UP AND START OF THE NEW CARVING YEAR

OCT 11: START OF CLASSES & REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 18: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

OCT 21-22-23: REFLECTIONS OF NATURE SASKATOON SHOW

OCT 25–30: JEAN MINAUDIER MINIATURE RAVEN AT BOAG LAKE

OCT 25: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (no Kestrel class)

NOV 1: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 8: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 15: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 22: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

NOV 29: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 6: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 13: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

DEC 20: XMAS PARTY AT AMISKWACIY

2017:

JAN 3: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 10: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY

JAN 17: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
JAN 24: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
JAN 31: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
FEB 7: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
FEB 9: BOB LAVENDER PAINTING AND AIR BRUSH CLASS AT BOAG LAKE
FEB 10-11-12: BOB LAVENDER'S FLYING BARN SWALLOW CLASS AT BOAG LAKE (Carving)
FEB 14: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
FEB 21: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
FEB 23: BOB LAVENDER PAINTING AND AIR BRUSH CLASS AT BOAG LAKE (Swallow Class Only)
FEB 24-25-26: BOB LAVENDER'S FLYING BARN SWALLOW CLASS AT BOAG LAKE (Painting)
FEB 28: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
MAR 7: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
MAR 14: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
MAR 17-18-19: CANADIAN NATIONAL CARVING SHOW, WATERLOO, ONT.
MAR 21: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
MAR 28: NO CARVING AT AMISKWACIY (spring break)
APR 4: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
APR 8-9: BRANT CARVING SHOW IN PARKSVILLE
APR 11: REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
APR 18: FINAL REGULAR CARVING AT AMISKWACIY
APR 21-22-23: PRAIRIE CANADA CARVING AND SHOW, WINNIPEG, MB.
APR 25: Annual General Meeting & FINAL CLEAN UP AND SHUT DOWN AT AMISKWACIY
APR 28-29-30: WARDS WORLD CARVING, OCEAN CITY, MD.
MAY 6-7: IMAGES OF NATURE SHOW
JULY 11 TO 16: CARVING IN THE PARK
 Pat Godin Painting an American Wigeon
 Byron Crabb Carving a Mountain Goat (TBC)
 Beth Crabb Basket Weaving

